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Pakistan closes Torkham border crossing over 'construction of trenches' by Afghanistan

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In her message, Maryam Nawaz said the prayers of the entire nation are with the cricket team, play hard. Every player of the Pakistan cricket team

is a star, who will shine today, Maryam Nawaz Sharif said.

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Officially Trip Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif departs for his 2 day official trip to Azerbaijan, from Lahore on Sunday.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif arrives in Baku for official visit

跨 Spokesman Report

BAKU: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif arrived here on Sunday for a two-day official visit to the Republic of Azerbai-

Upon arrival at Heydar Aliyev International Airport, the Prime Minister was warmly received by senior Azerbaijani officials, including First Deputy Prime Minister Yaqub Abdulla oglu Eyyubov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Yalchin Rafiyev, gize efforts to deal with climate Ambassador of Azerbaijan to

Pakistan's ambassador to Azerbaijan Qasim Mohiuddin and other senior dignitaries.

During the visit, the Prime Minister will hold high-level meetings with the President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev and other senior Azerbaijani officials.

The discussions will focus on further strengthening bilateral relations, expanding trade and investment, enhancing cooperation in the energy sector, synerchange, deepening defense

cultural exchanges.

Several Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) and agreements are expected to be signed, further solidifying the partnership between the two

As part of his engagements, the Prime Minister and the Azerbaijani leadership will also address the Pakistan-Azerbaijan Business Forum, scheduled for Monday. The forum will bring together business leaders from both countries to explore

Pakistan Khazar Farkhadov, collaboration, and fostering avenues for joint ventures and trade and investment opportunities, emphasizing business-to-business (B2B) collab-

oration. Pakistan and Azerbaijan share a long-standing bond of brotherhood, underpinned by shared values and common aspirations. This visit underscores the commitment of both nations to deepening their bilateral ties, enhancing economic cooperation, and fostering regional

collaboration. The Prime Minister is accompanied by a high-level ministerial delegation, including Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan, Minister for Investment & Privatization Abdul Aleem Khan, Minister for Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development Chaudhry Salik Hussain, Minister for Information & Broadcasting Ataullah Tarar, and Special Assistant to the Prime Minister Syed Tariq

Tarar highlights need to check disinformation

Bureau Report

LAHORE: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar said on Sunday that youths had played a significant role in the creation of Pakistan and there was no doubt that they were future of the country.

Addressing an interactive session at the 9th Annual Youth General Assembly conference at Aiwan-i-Iqbal, he said, "It is very important for nations to learn from their past. There are two types of makes you feel proud and another history, one is glorious history which history highlights mistakes."



He said that the two nation theory vas most relevant in today's world and added that just look across the border and see what is happening in Indian

Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. He said he had attended few conferences in Turkey, Saudi Arabia and other places and what was the reason that when we talk about Gaza, atrocities on Palestinians and brave Burhan Wani, then silence was seen on social media.

He said what was the reason that artificial intelligence-based algorithms or under new technology, likes efforts after Pakistan came into being.

decrease, visibility goes down and outreach reduces. "Are artificial intelligence-based systems or algorithms fair and the answer to this question is no," the minister added.

He said that just look across the border and see what hardships Muslims were facing, adding that it was a great blessing of Allah Almighty that we are living in an independent country.

He said that youths not only contributed to the creation of Pakistan but also played their role in post-management

Problems of Diamir Bhasha, Dasu dams' affectees to be addressed: Muqam



👺 Bureau Report

CHILAS: Federal Minister for States and Frontier Regions, Gilgit Baltistan and Kashmir Affairs Engr Amir Muqam on Saturday visited Chilas in Gilgit Baltistan,

saying that problems of affectees of Dasu opment of Gilgit Baltistan was the top Kohistan and Diamir Bhasha dams would be addressed.

He said the Prime Minister's Special Committee was analyzing problems of the affected people, reiterating that devel-

priority of the Government. He said 30 percent increase in its development budget was made. Engr Amir Muqam said that inauguration of Danash Schools would be made after Eid.

He proposed the affectees to constitute their committee for negotiations.

Chief Minister Gilgit Baltistan Gulbar Khan has appealed the affectees for calling off sit in. The committee of the affectees sought time.

Security Forces wipe out seven Khwarij terrorists in Dera **Ismail Khan**

跨 City Desk

RAWALPINDI: On 23 February 2025, Seven Khwarij were sent to hell in two separate engagements in Dera İsmail Khan District.

On reported presence of Khwarij, an intelligence based operation was conducted by the Security Forces in general area Daraban. During the conduct of operation, own troops effectively engaged the khwarijs' location, resultantly, four khwarij were sent to hell.

took place in general area Maddi, own troops effectively neutralized three khwarij.

Weapons and ammunition were also recovered from country.



actively involved in numerous terrorist activities in the area.

Sanitization operations are being conducted to elimi-In another encounter that nate any other Khwarji found in the area as the security forces of Pakistan are determined to wipe out the menace of terrorism from the

President, PM lauds security forces for operation against Fitna Al-Khawarij in DI Khan



👺 City Desk

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari Sunday lauded the security forces for killing seven Khawarij in two different operations in Dera Ismail Khan.

He paid tribute to the security forces for eliminating the terrorists of Fitna Al-Khawarij during the intelligence based operations.

He appreciated the brave forces for their successful oper-

He said the operations of security forces would continue till complete elimination of terrorism.

The successful operations of the government was deter-

mined to completely eradicate Fitna Al-Khawarij.

Meanwhile: Prime Minister

Sunday appreciated the security forces for killing seven Khawarij in areas of Daraban and Maddi in Dera Ismail Khan. He said the government

Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif

would continue to foil the nefarious designs of the enemies of humanity.

He asserted that sacrifices of lives by the sons of the nation in the war against terrorism would not go in vain. He assured that the government was fully active to root out terrorism from the country.

The war against terrorists security forces against terrorism would continue till complete were a good sign, he said adding eradication of terrorism, he

PM Shehbaz Sharif's Azerbaijan visit to strengthen economic ties: Jam Kamal

Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Marking a major milestone in bilateral relations, Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan Sunday praised Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif's visit to Azerbaijan, highlighting its potential to unlock new avenues of cooperation and mutual growth.

In an exclusive Interview from Baku with PTV news channel, he emphasized that Prime Minister is keen to collaborate with Azerbaijan in all areas, fostering a robust partnership between the two nations, adding, PM visit to Azerbaijan, citing its poten-

tial to spur economic growth, enhance trade and deepen mutual understanding.

The visit of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif to Azerbaijan has yielded significant results, with Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan confirming that around 12 protocols will be signed, strengthening the bilateral ties between the two nations.

He further highlighted that the Prime Minister is personally overseeing all collaborative efforts, demonstrating the government's commitment to fostering business opportunities and providing a platform for Pakistani entrepreneurs to expand globally.

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Barrister Chaudhry calls on US to mediate **Kashmir conflict**

NEW YORK: President Azad Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry has sought America's proactive role to help resolve the Kashmir dispute in line with the wishes and aspirations of Kashmiri people. During his meeting with US Congressman and head of Pakistan Caucus in the US Congress Thomas Suozzi, the president said that it was high time that the USA should come forward in a big way and play the role of mediator on the Kashmir issue.

While stressing the need for an early and amicable settlement of the longstanding dispute, he said that peace in South Asia was inescapably linked to the settlement of the issue that dimensions of the Kashmir dispute, stan and India. Referring to former US Azad Kashmir a couple of years



decades. Highlighting the dangerous ignite yet another war between Paki-

hangs on despite the passage of several he said that the unresolved dispute can

President Bill Clinton's contentions on the issue, Barrister Chaudhry had said that president Clinton had described Kashmir as the most dangerous region in the world.

He said that the international community, especially the US, must realize the sensitivity of the issue and play their due role to resolve it peacefully. Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry, on the occasion, invited the US Congressman to visit Azad Kashmir, which he delightfully accepted. It is worth mentioning here that such high-profile visits have been very fruitful in advancing the cause of Kashmiri. Earlier, the US Congresswoman Ilhan Omar had also visited

Pakistan Army: The Backbone of Our Nation's Security: Pir Mazhar Saeed Shah



👺 Bureau Report

 $MUZAFFARABAD: The\ Minister\ of\ Information\ of\ the\ Azad\ Jammu$ and Kashmir Government, Maulana Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah, said that the Pakistan Army is our chest and the people are its back, which are like one body. When the soldiers of the Pakistan Army wake up on the LoC, we sleep in the sleep of China. Be it the war against terrorism or any natural disaster, our Pakistani forces have not hesitated to make any kind of sacrifice and have fulfilled the promise made with the soil of our homeland by writing it with their blood. The Minister of Information of Azad Kashmir, Maulana Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah, met Brigadier Kiel Muhammad Imran Arshad Cheema during his visit to Upper Neelum and expressed special gratitude to GOC Murree for the cooperation of the Pakistan Army in providing health facilities to Grace Valley. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister of Information, Maulana Pir Muhammad Mazhar Saeed Shah said that the provision of an ambulance for RHC Helmat by the Pakistan Army is a gift. Along with defending the homeland, the Pakistan Army has also provided full support to the people, especially the people of Neelum Valley, in various walks of life. The Information Minister said that the key role played by the Pakistan Armed Forces in providing health facilities in Grace Valley in collaboration with the Azad Kashmir government is commendable. He said that we stand by our armed forces and will not hesitate to make any sacrifice for the security and prosperity of Pakistan he reiterated.

UN Urged to Intervene in Kannan Poshpora Incident: **Sardar** Atitq



Abdul Majeed Tahir

President of All Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference and former Prime Minister Sardar Atitq Ahmed Khan said that the Kannan Hoshpora incident is a stain on India's forehead and the United Nations should provide justice to the victims of this incident. In his special message, he paid tribute to the victims of the Kannan Poshpora incident and said that the sacrifices of these victims will never go in vain. India will have to answer for every atrocity committed against them. He said that the United Nations, international human rights organizations and the International Court of Justice, realizing their responsibilities, should take notice of the atrocities, atrocities and heinous acts like forced rape and rape by the occupying Indian army in occupied Jammu and Kashmir. He further said that the Indian government has given open permission to the occupying army to commit all kinds of atrocities and violence.

Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan expressed these views while addressing a prayer ceremony held at the central secretariat of the Muslim Conference. The ceremony was addressed by senior Muslim Conference leaders Sardar Altaf Hussain Khan, former government minister Raja Muhammad Yasin Khan, Secretary General Mohtarma Mehr-un-Nisa, prominent journalist Sardar Sultan Sikandar, Muhammad Sajid Qureshi Advocate, Sardar Asim Zahid Abbasi, Sardar Muhammad Ajmal Nakyalvi, Sardar Nishat Akbar, Sardar Zaka-ur-Rehman, the political successor and nephew of the late Sardar Manzoor Hussain Khan, real son Sardar Umar Manzoor Chughtai, son-in-law Sardar Abdul Rauf Khan, Major (R) Mahmood Ahmed Khan, senior journalist Abdul Majeed Tahir, Chairman of Union Council Bangui Sardar Aamir Ansar Khan, Khwaja Muhammad Javed, Sardar Muhammad Habib Khan, Engineer Sardar Zakir Hussain Khan, Syed Zafar Ali Shah and many other leaders.

Cricket lovers

KARACHI: Cricket fans watch live ICC Champions Trophy 2025 cricket match between Pakistan and India on big screen at



Syed Nasir Hussain Shah Announces Rs. 3 Million for Special Needs Children

👺 Abdul Ghafoor Sarohi

KARACHI: Sindh's Minister for Planning and Development, Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, has announced a grant of Rs. 3 million for special needs children. He stated that the Sindh government is taking fundamental and concrete measures at every level to support special needs children and will provide all possible assistance to such institutions. He made this statement while addressing a significant event organized by institutions working for special needs children at a local hotel today.

The event was attended by a large number of representatives from civil society, elected officials, and philanthropists, who came forward to encourage



Syed Nasir Hussain Shah mentioned

and support these children. hundreds of acres in Karachi, is being developed to provide facilities for special that a large institution, spread over needs children. The project is designed

with a priority focus on their education. training, and skill development.

Prior to his speech, prominent figures including Razaq Pardesi, Naeem Khanani, Qasim Luwai, Dr. Shahid Noor, Shahid Ghaziani, provincial assembly members Asif Musa, Shariq Jamal, Najaf Mirza, Vice Consul of Iran Ghulam Abbas, Prime Minister's Youth Program Coordinator Fahad Shafiq, Samina Khatri, Aafia Wajahat, Director of Information Hizbullah Memon, Mazhar Rizvi, and Z. H. Khurram participated in the event.

The event was hosted by Agha Shirazi. Various donors announced their contributions, and shields and certificates were distributed among

Roots Millennium Education hosts Spectacular Annual Parents Day

Spokesman Report

ISLAMABAD: Roots Millennium Education Group and Future World School & Colleges celebrated their and meaning. From soul-stirring theathighly anticipated Annual Parents rical narratives to dynamic musical Day 2025 at Pakistan China Friendship Center, Islamabad, showcasing a remarkable fusion of creativity, advocacy, and global responsibility says a press release. This year's theme, "Passion for Planet", resonated powerfully with the audience, reinforcing a shared commitment toward environmental consciousness and a sustainable future.

The grand event gathered students, parents, faculty, and esteemed dignitaries, including Chairman & CEO Roots Millennium Education Group Dr. Faisal Mushtaq, Ambassador Sardar Masood Khan President TMUC Higher Education Group, Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed Chairman Pak China Institute, and Excellency Saidjon Shafizoda Ismoil, Deputy Head of Mission of Tajikistan in Pakistan. Their presence emphasized the integral role of education in shaping responsible global citizens and empowering youth as change-makers for the planet.

The highlight of the evening was

the brilliantly curated student performances, where young Millennials took center stage, transforming their acts into compelling expressions of purpose renditions and mesmerizing dance sequences, every performance carried a profound environmental message, inspiring the audience to act for a better

A special cultural medley showcased Pakistan's rich heritage, interwoven with themes of sustainability and artistic expression. Through drama, poetry, and visual storytelling, students depicted the beauty of nature, the urgency of climate action, and the power of collective responsibility to safeguard the planet for future gener-

Addressing the audience, Ambassador Sardar Masood Khan commended the students for their creativity and awareness, emphasizing the importance of instilling environmental consciousness from an early

Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed highlighted the crucial role of youth in shaping global policies and applauded

their ability to merge art with advocacy. His Excellency Saidjon Shafizoda

Ismoil appreciated the students'

passion for sustainability and rein-

forced the deep-rooted ties between

Pakistan and Tajikistan in fostering education and cultural exchange. Dr. Faisal Mushtaq, Chairman & CEO, Roots Millennium Education Group, praised the Millennials for their

dedication, innovation, and unwavering commitment to making a difference. He reaffirmed the institution's mission of nurturing future leaders and changemakers with the vision to transform the world.

Annual Parents Day is a hallmark event of Roots Millennium Education Group, aimed at showcasing the academic, co-curricular, and artistic

achievements of its students. It provides young learners with a platform to exhibit their confidence, talents, and leadership skills while fostering deeper engagement between parents, educators, and the broader community.

The event also recognized and celebrated high-achieving students who excelled in academics and demonstrated commendable performances

in co-curricular activities.

The evening left the audience moved, inspired, and motivated to take action for a greener and more sustainable future. Roots Millennium Education Group continues its commitment to holistic education, empowering students not just with knowledge but with a sense of purpose and responsibility to create a better world.





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Sindh Bar Council Annual *Elections:* Congratulations from Sindh's Minister

B Abdul Ghafoor Sarohi

KARACHI: The panel supported by the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and Sindh's Minister for Law Home, and Parliamentary Affairs, Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar, has won the Sindh Bar Council's annual elections unopposed. Minister Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar congratulated the entire panel on their success. It is noteworthy that

Shafqat Rahim has been elected as Vice Chairman of the Sindh Bar Council unopposed. Other successful office bearers include Muhammad Saeed Abbasi as Chairman of the Executive Committee, Faheem Hanif as Chairman of the Fund Committee. Abdul Ghani Bijarani as Chairman of the Discipline Committee, Sher Muhammad Wasan as Chairman of the Legal Committee, and Abdul Razzaq Mehr.

He further expressed hope that the elected office bearers would work tirelessly for the welfare of the legal community. He assured that the PPP stands firmly with the lawyers and will address their concerns on a priority basis.

India's War on Kashmiri Women: A Crime against Humanity

👺 Faisal Khawar Butt

SIALKOT: Mushaal Hussein Mullick, the Chairperson of the Peace and Culture Organization, addressing a huge gathering at University of Sialkot to pay homage to victims of Kunan Poshpora Rape Massacre came down hard on the world community and human right organizations for their complete silence and inaction against the unabated Indian state terrorism in the Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK), rendering over thousands of women widowed since

Mushaal, the wife of illegally detained Chairman of Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front Yasin Malik, said that as the world was observing the International Widows Day every year on June 23 but no respite witnessed in miseries and victimization of the Kashmiri women whose husbands are being martyred by Indian troops, police and agencies continuously.

She lamented that countless men have disappeared in the custody of Indian troops since 1989 in IIOJK and halfwidows have been running from one Indian army camp to another trying to find whereabouts of their husbands but

of no good.

Mushaal said that the woman of the Kashmir was being targeted by the occupational forces by design to silent the struggle to the right of self-determination. However, she vowed Indian Hindutva regime should bear in mind that Kashmiri women shaped the destiny of every class, community and nation throughout history and were successful in attaining the goal of freedom from Dogras. The Hurriyat leader added that they would break the shackles of Indian slavery and their sufferings would yield results.

"Now is the time to wake up and recognize these true Kashmiri heroines be it the widows, half widows, rape victims, these Kashmir women of IIOJK must be recognized for their contributions to such freedom struggles as the practical leaders, the home makers and bread winners, of such movements," she maintained.

Mushaal appealed that the United Nations Security Council has underscored the need to survey and compensate women in IIOJK, whose husbands have been killed or maimed by Occupational forces. She demanded that the targeting of women by Indian Occupation should be made a war crime.



SAAF Cross Country Championships 2025

ISLAMABAD: General (Retired) Ehsan Ul Haq addresses at the closing ceremony of the SAAF Cross Country Championships 2025 hosted by Islamabad Athletes Association (IAA) at Fatima Jannah Park.



DG FDA Asif Chaudhry's Two-Year Journey of Excellence and Service

👺 Zafar Chishti

FAISALABAD: Two years of success of the appointment of Director General FDA Muhammad Asif Chaudhry was Congratulated by the FDA officers and staff and the cake

Additional Director General Yasir Ijaz Chatha, Chief Engineer Mehr Ayub, Directors Junaid Hassan Manj, Asma Mohsin, Deputy Directors Sameera Sharif, Raheel Zafar, Iqra Murtaza, Faisal Tariq Butt, Mian Asad Majid, Talha Tabasam,, Waleed Khalid, Afzaal Ansari, Assistant Director /PSO Shabbir Sajid Gujjar and other officers and

He said that while successes, Urban Development

and other administrative and achieved while performing the highest discipline of various sectors, which is fully

Director General FDA

Muhammad Asif Chaudhry government policies meet the thanked the officers and staff expectations of the government development goals are being and said that the decision to of Punjab Sincerely working continue their deployment and hard for.

services is a matter of good will staff members were on the spot. of the government of Punjab performing duties in the FDA, and that the implementation of

supported by officers under the best working relationship.

Ladies Club Hosts Meri Dastan Exhibition, Paves Way for Women Entrepreneurs

👺 Quratul Ain

MULTAN: A two-day exhibition was organized by the Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry Multan on the occasion of the third edition of Meri Dastan at the Ladies Club Multan, in which dozens of exhibition stalls were set up. The exhibition held at the Ladies Club was inaugurated by well-known social leaders Naheed Zulfiqar, Begum Farrukh Mukhtar, Farah Saqib, Nadia Wasim, Shahnaz Nasir, Ayesha Yasin, Saada Kirmani and other women. Speaking on the occasion, the speakers said that the aim of the exhibition organized by the Women's Chamber of Commerce at the Ladies Club is to highlight the talents of women of this region. They said that the Women's Chamber of Commerce will provide



new opportunities to women from Multan and all over southern Punjab to help them introduce their garments in the market.

JUI leader accuses Establishment of imposing puppet governments on Pakistan

跨 Tariq khan Yousafzai

TAKHT BHAI: Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam's central leader, former Federal Minister of Communications Maulana Asad Mahmood, stated that Pakistan's political dwarfs are ruling over the poor masses of Pakistan with the backing of the military and establishment. Some were imposed on the nation by General Bajwa, while the current government was brought to power by the establishment with Western approval. PTI promoted Qadianism, and the current government decided to prioritize the conditions of the World Bank and IMF. This government has taken record loans, sinking the country and making the Pakistani nation a slave to the World Bank and IMF. JUI's current political policy is based on religious, constitutional, and democratic principles in national politics. These views were expressed by him while addressing the Mufti Mahmood Conference in honor of JUI leader Akbar Khan in the Pir Sadu area of Takht Bhai. On this occasion, JUI provincial leader Senator Maulana Atta-ur-Rehman, JUI Balochistan leader Salahuddin Ayubi, Madina Munawara leader Ukasha bin Saeed, Takht Bhai chairman Hafiz Muhammad Saeed, Takht Bhai General Secretary Muhammad Shafiq Khan, Mardan District General Secretary Maulana Amanat Shah, Maulana Muhammad Qasim Bijli Ghar, and JUI Supreme Council member Alhaj Dost Muhammad Darwaish also addressed. They said JUI supports the democratic system and prioritizes protecting the Islamic provisions of the Pakistani

KP Government Committed to Supporting Newspaper Owners and Workers: Arshad Khan

Sometimes Correspondent

SWAT: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Secretary Information and Public Relations, Arshad Khan, has said that the provincial government is taking comprehensive measures to address the issues faced by newspaper owners and workers. Speaking to media representatives, Khan stated that the government is well aware of the problems faced by newspaper owners and workers and is launching a robust campaign to eliminate these issues.

He announced that the government will ensure the monthly transmission of advertisement funds to address the current difficulties faced by newspapers and their workers. Additionally, checks will be issued for advertisements during Ramadan and Eid.

Khan emphasized that the current government is taking prioritized measures to eliminate the problems faced by newspaper owners, modernizing the Information Department to prevent any injustice and ensure all newspapers receive their due rights.

He added that the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government's performance is being showcased as an exemplary model across the country.

Security rehearsal conducted for ICC Champions Trophy matches

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital police, along with other law enforcement agencies, conducted a comprehensive security rehearsal on Sunday in preparation for the ICC Champions Trophy matches scheduled to begin in Rawalpindi from tomorrow.

An official told APP that the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi issued special directives to DIGs regarding security arrangements for the event. Over 5,800 personnel from various law enforcement agencies have been deployed to ensure foolproof security.

Authorities confirmed that complete coordination has been established among all security forces. Special security cards have been issued to officers deployed for duty, and all designated routes for teams' movement have been cleared by the Bomb Disposal Squad.

The security plan includes real-time monitoring through 900 Safe City cameras, 202 body-worn cameras, as well as advanced surveillance using smart patrol vehicles and drone cameras. Strict checking will remain in place at all entry and exit points of the city.

Officials emphasized that the successful hosting of the Champions Trophy in Pakistan is a positive development. Citizens are being continuously updated regarding traffic arrangements and are advised to allow extra travel time as per the designated traffic plan.

Alkhidmat Foundation launches Gaza packing drive

ISLAMABAD: The Alkhidmat Foundation has launched a 'Gaza Packing Drive' to provide essential relief to women and children affected by the conflict in Gaza. On this occasion, Air Marshal (R) Farooq Habib expressed his gratitude to the volunteers, including students from various universities. He remarked that he was pleased to see the youth's dedication and potential to support the innocent children of Gaza.

He further stated, "Palestine is suffering."

He urged people to participate actively in this humanitarian cause. Students from several universities in Islamabad, including NUST, Riphah, Fatima Jinnah, Iqra, and ICT College, along with journalists and individuals from various walks of life, participated in the drive.

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Dubai hosts grand global launch of Burj Azizi, world's second tallest tower

ubai has witnessed a spectacular global launch event for Burj Azizi, poised to be the world's second tallest tower, at the Coca-Cola Arena.

The grand ceremony was attended by over 15,000 distinguished guests, including government officials, investors, business leaders, diplomats, media personnel, and influencers. The event was further elevated by a stunning performance from American singer Jennifer Lopez.

According to the UAE media reports, Burj Azizi will stand at an impressive height of 725 meters upon completion in 2028, making it the second tallest tower in the world. The 131-story skyscraper will offer a unique blend of residential, hospitality, retail, and entertainment spaces.

The luxury shopping mall inside the tower will house outlets of globally renowned brands. Spacious one, two, and three-bedroom apartments, along with a business center, cinema, restaurants, cafes, and a supermarket, will be part of the project, ensuring world-class facilities for residents and visitors alike.

The tower will also feature a prestigious seven-star hotel, offering an unparalleled experience in luxury hospitality. The hotel will boast specialty restaurants representing various international cuisines, including Arabic, Chinese, Persian, Indian, Turkish, French, and Russian, providing guests with an exquisite gastronomic journey.

Upon completion, Burj Azizi is set to break multiple records, including the highest observation deck on the 130th floor, the tallest hotel lobby on the 111th floor, the highest nightclub on the 126th floor, the tallest restaurant on the 122nd floor, and the highest hotel room on the 118th floor. Additionally, the tower will house a dedicated museum that will showcase the history and construction journey of this

architectural marvel. Expressing his delight at the launch, Mirwais Azizi, Founder and Chairman of Azizi Developments, stated, "It is truly a moment of pride to see a vision come to life after years of dedication and relentless efforts from experts worldwide.

Burj Azizi stands as a testament to Dubai's engineering excellence and architectural innovation, marking a significant milestone in the city's skyline.

He extended his gratitude to the leadership of Dubai for their unwavering support and encouragement, specifically thanking His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai, for his visionary leadership. "I am also deeply grateful to Dubai's authorities for their steadfast cooperation in bringing this ambitious project to reality," he added.

With its groundbreaking design and record-breaking features, Burj Azizi is set to redefine luxury and elegance, further cementing Dubai's reputation as a global hub for architectural brilliance.

Efforts to Create Chaos and Division in Pakistan & AJK: A Destructive Agenda

Abdul Basit Alvi

in AJK aim to undermine recent months, the Awami Action Committee (AAC) has emerged as a pressure group and a potential threat to the region's peace and harmony. The AAC has become a controversial entity, facing allegations spreading misinforof contributing to social unrest and spreading hate within the region. Its activities have raised concerns about its impact on the political and social fabric

The AAC has shifted towards more extreme tactics, alarming both citizens and political observers. It has been criticized for destabilizing political stability in AJK by exploiting divisions for political gain. The committee is often accused of backing one political faction over another, which has led to increased friction and institutional breakdowns. This is particularly harmful in a region where the democratic process is still developing and where stability is crucial for progress. By aligning itself with specific political factions, the AAC has created an environment of mistrust and competition rather than cooperation, exacerbating the political climate with accusations of

corruption, nepotism, and manipulation. Critics contend that the AAC's actions, driven by ideological extremism, are pushing the people of AJK further from peaceful coexistence and toward a potential collapse of the region's social asylum under false pretenses, appear

in leveraging modern media, particuits remarkable culture. In larly social media, to disseminate its inality and terrorism, the actions of the crimes either lack knowledge of their divisive ideology. Its presence on digital platforms has significantly expanded its reach, allowing it to influence a wide

audience. By manipulating information, mation, and using provocative images and videos, the AAC has stirred emotions and created widespread chaos. Their activities on digital platforms have fueled misinforma-

tion, leading to confusion and fear in the AAC's attacks on local institutions, region. The group's use of social media to target political rivals and advance its own agenda has sparked online disputes, resulting in verbal abuse and even physical confrontations. This manipulation of the media undermines the ability of citizens to distinguish between truth and falsehood, jeopardizing the region's peace and security.

The political agenda of the Awami Action Committee is rooted in populist rhetoric, often grounded in unrealistic and unattainable goals. The AAC's strong anti-Pakistan stance suggests that their actions are supported by external forces, notably India and nationalist elements operating abroad. These external supporters, many of whom have sought

egrettably, some elements fabric. The AAC has played a key role to be fueling the group's divisive rhet- and granted all Muslims equal rights protests, which have included attacks on ambulances and police vehicles, as

well as damage to civil and private property, reflect a dangerous and hostile mindset. Moreover, their rhetoric on social media, often laced with abusive threats or mockery, further exemplifies their disruptive behavior. Indian media have even celebrated

adding to the international. Even after their demands were met, the AAC chose to escalate tensions by attacking AJK's capital. For many in AJK, groups like the AAC are seen as pressure organizations bent on isolating the people from the hatred. Whether it's the BLA or the AAC, extremist and nationalist mindsets pose a serious threat to the peace and unity of both AJK and Pakistan. Nationalism is like a spreading disease, affecting various regions. In Balochistan, nationalist militants recently killed seven innocent people simply because they were not locals. Previously, they also targeted and killed laborers from Kashmir. Such actions directly contradict the teachings of Islam, which eradicated such divisions

oric. Viewed through the lens of crimand status. Those who commit these AAC are indefensible. Their violent faith or deliberately rebel against it. A similar mindset exists among a small faction in Kashmir, where some individuals promote violence, display hostility, and seek to demean others. This secular ideology is a dangerous poison for an Islamic society, and people of Pakistan and AJK must safeguard themselves and their communities from its harmful influence.

As the AAC's divisive actions intensify, calls for accountability are growing. Both political analysts and human rights organizations have urged local and international communities to hold the AAC responsible for its destabilizing impact. Many view the AAC's activities as a direct threat to the long-term peace and progress of AJK. It is widely believed that unless such groups are held accountable, the region will continue to suffer from system, sowing division, and spreading violence, chaos, and division. The people of AJK deserve leadership that fosters social harmony, peaceful dialogue, and a united push for self-determination. Acknowledging the destructive consequences of extremist and nationalist actions, including those of the groups like BLA and AAC, is essential to counteracting their negative impact on the peace and prosperity of both AJK and Pakistan. Only by addressing these divisive forces can AJK and Pakistan begin to heal and build a more unified future.



Justice Jawad's Ruling: A Landmark Victory for Animal Rights Undermined by Misinformation

he Lahore High Court's decision is a significant victory for animal rights activists and organizations working tirelessly to protect stray dogs. However, the subsequent propaganda campaign has undermined this progress, causing confusion and misinforma-

tion among the public. Recently, Justice Jawad issued a ruling that explicitly banned dog culling throughout Punjab. However, despite this landmark decision, a malicious propaganda campaign has been launched, falsely claiming that Justice Jawad ordered the killing of stray dogs.

This is a gross misrepresentation of the court's deci-

sion, which actually emphasizes the need for humane treatment of stray dogs. The ruling directs the Punjab government and local authorities to implement a humane population control measure.

It's shocking to see how bureaucracy and certain media outlets have distorted the court's decision, spreading misinformation and misleading the public. This not only undermines the authority of the court but also perpetuates animal cruelty.

In our country, one of the most significant problems is our mistreatment of animals. Now, imagine how a landmark decision like this has been distorted and presented as the opposite of

electronic media. A justice of the Height Court issues a decision, hidden motives, and your intentions are now

and then there's an entity that distorts it.

This is a massive propaganda campaign against animal rights activists and those working to protect these innocent animals. It's a slap on all efforts, implying that no matter how hard they work, their efforts will be undermined.

A wrong message is being conveyed to the public, suggesting that killing dogs is now justi-

fied. However, this is not the case. The culling was banned on January 1, 2025, and contempt of court cases were filed against Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, and Deputy Director Health Municipal Corporation's

Instead of understanding the court's decision, the perpetrators Sana Ashraf launched a dangerous propaganda campaign, claiming Justice Jawad ordered

> the killing of dogs. If that were the case, why were contempt of court cases filed on responsibles. They disobeyed the court's orders, ignored the

> ban on dog It's astonishing to see that despite being held accountable for killing innocent animals, you continue to deny any wrongdoing. Initially, vou claimed innocence, but contempt of court charges were filed against you. Now, after the court has ruled in favor of animal rights, prohibiting the killing of dogs, you're spreading misinformation on social media and electronic media, falsely claiming that the court has ordered the

The High Court has clearly seen through your

transparent. It's evident that you have an ulterior motive, a significant gain, driving your actions. What could be the reason behind your persistence in killing these voiceless creatures?"

It is deeply disconcerting to witness the extent to which bureaucracy has descended into dishonesty. The blatant disregard for truth is appalling, particularly when it involves the inhumane treatment and massacre of innocent animals.

The audacity of denying involvement in the culling of stray dogs, despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary, is a stark testament to the depths of deception. The fact that contempt of court charges have been filed against those responsible, yet they continue to claim innocence, is a brazen affront to the justice system.

One can not help but wonder what kind of society we live in, where those in positions of power feel emboldened to lie, deceive, and manipulate the truth with impunity. The message this sends to the public is that dishonesty and corruption are acceptable and that accountability is merely an illusion.

The victims, in this case, the voiceless animals who have been brutally killed, can not speak out against their perpetrators. However, it is our collective responsibility as a society to demand justice, transparency, and accountability from those in power.

We must not tolerate this level of dishonesty and corruption. It is imperative that we hold those responsible for these heinous acts accountable for their actions and that we demand a thorough investigation into the matter.

Sana Ashraf loves animals and is campaigning against animal cruelty

Productive Procrastination

Arisha Irshad Ali

"productive procrastination" may seem contradictory. The word "productive" carries a positive connotation, while "procrastination" is often associated with inefficiency and delay. However, when used wisely, procrastination can be a valuable tool for personal and professional growth.

We often underestimate the power of structured procrastination—using our time to engage in activities that, while not directly related to our immediate tasks, still contribute to our overall development. It is essential to recognize that taking breaks and indulging in activities we enjoy can enhance our productivity rather than hinder it.

Productive procrastination means engaging in meaningful activities while postponing a primary task. For example, a medical student studying for an anatomy exam might procrastinate by watching informative medical documentaries or reading about real-world applications of anatomy. While this is not direct exam preparation, it still contributes to knowledge acquisition in a way that aligns with their field of study.

In contrast, wasting time on social media without purpose leads to unproductive procrastination. The key is to find balance using procrastination as a means to refresh

the mind while staying on track with goals. longer confined to rigid academic achieve-

ments. Many highly successful individuals have embraced productive procrastination to fuel their creativity. For instance, some of the t first glance, the phrase most renowned business leaders and innovators were not necessarily the top-ranking students but rather those who engaged in diverse hobbies that later shaped their entrepreneurial mindset.

A notable example is the success stories of individuals who, despite being labeled as "backbenchers," went on to become influential business figures. Shows like Shark Tank India highlight how unconventional learning and exploring passions can lead to remarkable achievements.

It is crucial to instill the concept of positive rocrastination in today's youth. Engaging in hobbies and extracurricular activities can channel stress into creativity, leading to a balanced and fulfilling life. Whether it's gaming, reading, writing, or sports, these activities can enhance cognitive abilities and contribute to personal growth.

By shifting our mindset, we can redefine procrastination as a tool for productivity rather than an obstacle. The key lies in self-awareness—understanding when to pause and how to use that pause effectively.

Success is not a one-size-fits-all formula. Productive procrastination is about utilizing time wisely, even when deviating from immediate responsibilities. By embracing this approach, individuals can unlock their true potential, making procrastination a stepping

stone rather than a stumbling block. Kudos to those who have mastered the art In today's fast-paced world, success is no of balancing work and passion—after all, a well-rounded life leads to long-term success.

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Forms of Expression of the Plurality of English Borrowings in the Urdu Language

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his article explores the phenomenon of English borrowings in the Urdu language, analyzing their historical development, linguistic adaptation, and the impact of English on Urdu's grammatical and phonetic structure. The study focuses on the processes of assimilation, examining phonological, orthographic, and semantic changes that borrowed words undergo. Special attention is given to pluralization patterns, highlighting instances where English borrowings retain their original plural forms rather than conforming to Urdu grammatical rules. The research also discusses perspectives from linguists on language contact and borrowing theories, including classifications of loanwords and their levels of integration. The paper provides examples of English borrowings that maintain the process of lexical borrowing was process can be considered ambigdistinct pluralization structures, particularly in institutional and technical terminology. The widespread presence of these elements in contemporary Urdu, especially in media and academia, suggests an ongoing transformation in the language. The study concludes that the continuous influence of English contributes to the enrichment and dynamic evolution of Urdu while also language interaction to describe the challenging its traditional grammatical framework.

borrowed words, phonetic and grammatical system, assimilation, exoticism, grammatical markers. Introduction

The enrichment of a particular language's vocabulary and its historical development and transformation are influenced by the phenomenon of word borrowing.

The process of word borrowing occurs as a result of language contact, where words, phrases, morphemes, and phonemes from one language are transferred to another. This usually happens through the adoption of words or syntactic expressions from another language. Sounds and wordforming elements assimilate within borrowed words, and as the number of such words increases, they become an integral part of the language.

Borrowed words undergo phonetic and grammatical assimilation according to the system of the receiving language. As a result, they leave a noticeable trace in the language, undergo significant changes, and lose their original char-

The process of word borrowing occurs gradually: it passes through several stages, including words that are completely foreign to the target language, partially and significantly assimilated words that still retain certain characteristics of foreign words, and fully assimilated words, whose foreign origin can only be identified through etymological analysis.

The theoretical foundations of the problem of language interaction were first developed by I. A. Baudouin de Courtenay in 1875 [7, 50]. Later, in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, G. Schuchardt introduced the terms language blending and language intersection, the latter borrowed from the field of biology. During this period, the issue of lexical borrowing from one language to another became a central focus of linguistic research. As a result, scholars of the late 19th and early 20th centuries devoted significant attention to defining and refining the terminology used to describe this linguistic

In linguistic studies of this period,



and the direct transfer of words, as well as individual morphemes and phonetic elements, from one language to another. As a result, the term lexical borrowing process became widely used in scholarly works as a key descriptor of this phenomenon [11, 89]. Additionally, in the 20th century, linguists proposed the broader term various ways in which languages influence each other, encompassing Keywords: loanword assimilation, not only lexical borrowing but also phonetic, morphological, and syntactic adaptations [19, 235].

Thus, the term lexical borrowing

considered in terms of both calquing uous. On the one hand, it has been understood as the transfer of words from one language to another, occurring in close connection with social life and various cultural phenomena [14, 73]. At the same time, some linguists distinguish lexical borrowing from calquing, treating them as entirely separate processes [10, 178].

On the other hand, the term lexical borrowing process is also used to refer not only to the transfer of a foreign word but to its full integration into the recipient language [2, 7]. As Yu. S. Sorokin noted, "the process of integrating foreign words is a bidirectional process. It is not merely

the direct transfer of pre-existing on which component is borrowed, logically adapted using the reciplinguistic elements from one language to another, but also their adaptation within the structural and semantic system of the recipient language, their incorporation into its grammatical rules, and their transformation within a new linguistic framework. If we are specifically discussing the lexical borrowing process, then it must be noted that, rather than a mechanical transfer of foreign words into another linguistic system, it is a process of assimilation and adaptation. This process is inherently creative and dynamic, reflecting a high degree of linguistic flexibility and the advanced development of the borrowing language" [14, 202]. L. P. Krysin defines the process of lexical borrowing as "the transfer of various linguistic elements from one language to another." The compilers of the Linguistic Encyclopedic Dictionary adhere to the same perspective [13, 355]. By "various elements," they refer to units of different linguistic levels, including phonology, morphology, syntax, lexicon, and semantics. Krysin differentiates the borrowing of phonemes, morphemes, lexemes, and other linguistic components [11, 92].

E. Haugen classifies lexical borrowing based on structural characteristics. His classification of borrowed word formation is grounded in the varying degrees of morphological adaptation within the recipient language. He distinguishes true borrowings, where both meaning and phonetic form are adopted from the source language, from hybrid borrowings, which contain both foreign and native linguistic elements. Depending

hybrid borrowings are further divided into core borrowings (where the primary component is foreign) and peripheral or marginal borrowings. Moreover, Haugen argues that hybrid borrowings should be regarded as words derived from borrowings rather than borrowings themselves, thus excluding them from the lexical borrowing process proper [17,

K. L. Yegorova, refining Haugen's classification, expands the typology of lexical borrowings by considering their structural properties, semantic features, and the degree of divergence from their foreign prototypes [9, 139]. L. M. Bash's concept represents both a continuation and an evolution of Haugen's ideas.

According to this framework, the term lexical borrowing process encompasses multiple linguistic phenomena and is therefore divided into direct lexical borrowing and quasi-borrowing (from Latin quasi, meaning "as if" or seemingly").

In linguistics, foreign words are traditionally classified into three groups: (1) loanwords, (2) exoticisms, and (3) elements of a foreign language that have entered another language. Loanwords, in turn, are further subdivided into the following categories:

a) Words that structurally correspond to their foreign prototypes, meaning they have been adapted to the phonemic system of the recipient language and may have undergone orthographic changes but do not include any additional structural modi-

b) Words that have been morpholexicon [8; 53].

second and third examples, it serves as the subject.

ient language's own morphological mechanisms, meaning that they have undergone structural transformation in accordance with the morphological rules of the recipient language.

c) Words that have undergone partial morphological modification, preserving certain foreign structural elements while integrating into the grammatical system of the recipient language

Thus, loanwords represent a complex and structurally diverse category. However, despite their internal diversity, the words within this group share specific linguistic characteristics that distinguish them from the native lexicon of the recipient language, highlighting the dynamic nature of lexical borrowing and adaptation.

The colonization of India by the British brought significant changes to the lives of its people. In 1835, English began to spread as the official language across the entire country. It became not only the language of education but also that of the press, science and technology, administration, and the judicial system. English became so deeply ingrained in India's social fabric that even after the country gained independence, it retained its status. Notably, over time, as the negative socio-linguistic perception of English as the language of the colonizers diminished, its influence grew even stronger. Indians increasingly incorporated English loanwords into their everyday speech, and in some cases, entire English phrases became widely used many of which have since become integral elements of the modern Hindi

Doctors' strike at Jinnah Hospital

take the plural suffixes "oN" or "yoN" before postpositions. English loanwords also follow these

According to the rules of the Urdu language, nouns in oblique cases (except for the direct case)

کپنیوں کے مقابلے میں Compared to companies In this example, the noun مبينى appears in the plural form, marked by the suffix ورابع in accordance

with the postpositional phrase 2 demonstrating the application of plural morphology in

oblique case constructions within Urdu grammar. سمسٹم نے دو سو بنڈلوں کو روک لیا The customs officers stopped 200 bundles.

The sentence ول- The sentence ول illustrates the use of the plural marker ول in the

oblique case for the noun بنٹرل (bundle), appearing before the postposition کو. This follows the stan-

dard Urdu rule where nouns in the oblique case take the ول- suffix before postpositions.

ن پارٹیوں نے بھی مخالفت کی These parties also opposed.

یار شیول Since the transitive verb نالفت کرنا (to oppose) is used in the past perfect tense, the subject

🚣 (the parties) is in the ergative case and marked for plurality, following the standard ergative alignment rule in Urdu.

However, the given examples suggest that this rule is occasionally "disregarded," as English loanwords in such instances retain their plural suffix "-s." For example:

Discount on telephone calls پیداداری یونش کو فروغ دینا چاہیے Production units should be developed

Doctors' stri As a result of scientific research, the following conclusions were reached: Although English loanwords conform to the morphological rules of Urdu, they sometimes retain their original morphological features within the Urdu language.

In contemporary Urdu, the plural forms of widely used English loanwords indicate that they are originally English expressions. These words are not structured according to Urdu grammar, and in many cases, borrowed nouns retain the English plural marker "-s."

The frequent occurrence of the English plural suffix in the examples above deviates from standard Urdu grammar. However, its widespread use indicates a gradual process of linguistic integration, where such forms are becoming increasingly naturalized in the language.

In conclusion, English has exerted a considerable influence on Urdu, a phenomenon clearly observable in Urdu print media, where linguistic changes are often first documented. These borrowings not only enrich the lexical repertoire of the language but also play a crucial role in shaping its ongoing evolution.

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English borrowings in the Urdu language conform to its morphological rules. Although they masculine plural form. In the first sentence, the English word functions as an object, while in the can be fully integrated into the grammatical structure of Urdu, in some cases, English words retain their original morphological features. For instance, depending on the final letter of borrowed words, they can take plural markers in Urdu. For example, feminine nouns ending in "i" or a consonant in the nominative case receive the suffixes "ya: N" and "eN":

بس	[bas]	بسين	[baseN]	buses
ٹرام	[Tra:m]	ٹرامیں	[Tra:meN_]	trams
اليجنسى	[ejensi:]	ايجنسيال	[ejensi:ya:N]	agencies
پارٹی	[pa:rTi:]	پارٹیاں	[pa:rTi:ya:N]	parties

This table shows how English loanwords in Urdu follow the language's morphological rules for pluralization, often adding-eN or-va: N as suffixes.

Some phrases have been borrowed from English as whole units, preserving the English plural form. This primarily applies to nomenclature terms, such as the names of organizations, institutions, companies, movements, and similar entities. For example:

يونائييٹه نيشنز	[neishnz]	United Nations
ہیومن <u>رائٹس</u>	[[ra:iTs]]	Human Rights
پریس ک لبز	[klabz]	Press Clubs
آرمد فورسز	[fors <u>iz</u>]	Armed Forces

The plural forms of the words highlighted above indicate that they are purely English phrases since they are not structured according to Urdu grammar.

However, scientific research shows that nouns borrowed into modern Urdu often retain the English plural suffix "-s," for example:

سيكيورين <u>ي فورسز</u>	[fors <u>iz]</u>	Security forces
آل انڈیاانسٹیٹیوٹ آف میڈیکل ساینسز	[sa:yns <u>iz</u>]	All India Institute of Medical Sciences
فیڈریشن آف انڈیا چمبرز آف کامرس اینڈ <u>انڈسٹریز</u>	[inDasTr <u>i:z</u>]	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry

In the words we provided above, there was no necessity to explicitly indicate the plural form, as the plurality is already evident from the verb form. In all three examples, the verb is used in the

Over 1,700 students awarded degrees at HU convocation

Bureau Report

KARACHI: The Hamdard University (HU) awarded degrees and certificates to 1,718 students and scholars at its 27th Saturday at its main Madinat al-Hikmah campus.

Of the over 1,700 awardees, seven scholars were given PhDs and 130 MS, ME, and MPhil degrees. The ceremony was presided over by HU's Chancellor Madam Sadia Rashid and former federal minister and senator Javed Jabbar was the chief guest.

In recognition of their excellent performance in various courses of studies, gold medals were conferred on about 40 students. The best teacher award was conferred on Prof Dr Sved Mohammad Mubin and that of best researcher on Hafiz Imran

In his welcome address, Vice that were published in peer-re-Chancellor Syed Shabib-ul- viewed journals recognised by Hasan pointed out that during this convocation more graduates are being awarded degrees than ever before. The reason obviously Convocation that was held on lies in the growth in number of students who are being admitted to HU each year.

In 2024 alone, the university admitted over 3,200 students, which shows the university's growing popularity among students as well as their parents. The student population has now risen to 10,000.

Prof Dr Shabib-ul-Hasan said his university is offering more than 100 programmes that are being run by seven faculties as per the guidelines provided by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) and other professional and regulatory bodies.

He said that in 2024 the faculty members of the university produced 294 research papers

viewed journals recognised by the HEC. In the last five years the total number of such papers has topped 1,000.

The Faculty of Engineering, Sciences and Technology has set up a dedicated Artificial Intelligence Laboratory which is equipped with the latest technology, he said. In the last financial year, the university provided concessions/scholarships worth Rs159 million among hundreds of meritorious students. The 1,700 students that are passing out now will join the 36,000 alumni of the university, who are already working in various capacities both nationally and internationally.

Chancellor Sadia Rashid said that after graduating from the university the new alumni would not just face challenges but opportunities as well. "Please



keep in mind that you should never fail to grasp the opportunities and at the same time meet the challenges with confidence," she remarked.

Bull & Bears PSX 100-Share

Index Fluctuation			
Pakistan: PSX 100-Share Index			
Current	Prev. Close		
112,800.93	113,739.15		
Day's High	Day's Low		
114,444.01	112,813.87		
Index Value	Change		
14,479,565,452	-938.22		
Percentage	Time		
-0.82%	21 Feb, 2025 5:00 pm		
Europe: FTS	E 100 Index		
Index Value	Change		
8,658.70	-4.27		
Percentage	Time		
-0.043%	21 Feb, 4:35 pm GMT		
USA: Dow Jones Industrial Average			
USA: Dow Jones	Industrial Average		
USA: Dow Jones Index Value	Industrial Average Change		
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Index Value	Change		
Index Value 43,822.03	Change -354.62		

Asia Pacific: Nikkei Stocks Average			
Index Value	Change		
38,776.94	+98.90		
Percentage	Time		
+0.26%	21 Feb, 3:45 pm GMT+9		

Open Market Forex Rates			
Currency	Buying	Selling	
Australian Dollar	179.25	181.50	
Bahrain Dinar	737.40	745.40	
Canadian Dollar	197.10	199.50	
China Yuan	37.59	37.99	
Danish Krone	38.48	38.88	
Euro	292.75	295.50	
Hong Kong Dollar	35.47	35.82	
Indian Rupee	3.11	3.20	
Japanese Yen	1.86	1.92	
Kuwaiti Dinar	898.15	907.65	
Malaysian Ringgit	62.33	62.93	
NewZealand \$	158.9	160.90	
Norwegians Krone	24.49	24.79	
Omani Riyal	720.75	729.25	
Qatari Riyal	75.93	76.63	
Saudi Riyal	74.30	74.85	
Singapore Dollar	208	210	
Swedish Korona	25.35	25.65	
Swiss Franc	303.71	306.51	
Thai Bhat	8.14	8.29	
U.A.E Dirham	75.95	76.60	
UK Pound Sterling	353.50	357	
US Dollar	279.95	281.45	

Digital Influencers Join Pervaaz Dialogue on Risks of Irregular Migration

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pervaaz campaign, an initiative of the SAFER project co-funded by the European Union, drives a national dialogue on irregular migration across Pakistan's digital landscape. The campaign raises awareness among youth about the risks of illegal immigration, its emotional toll on families left behind, and the economic opportunities available within Pakistan as a safer alternative.

In a series of impactful posts and video messages, influencers have joined forces to debunk myths surrounding illegal migration and the supposed benefits of settling abroad without legal documents. The campaign highlights the harsh realities faced by those who take irregular routes, including detention, exploitation, and deportation. By leveraging platforms like TikTok, Instagram, and Facebook, Pervaaz is ensuring that authentic, fact-based information reaches a vast audience, particularly young people considering migration.

Gold up by Rs.1,000 per tola to Rs.308,000

ISLAMABAD: The price of 24 karat per tola gold increased by Rs.1,000 and was sold at Rs 308,000 on Saturday against its sale at Rs 307,000 on previous trading day, All Pakistan Sarafa Gems and Jewelers Association reported.

The price of 10 grams of 24 karat gold also increased by Rs 857 to Rs 264,060 from Rs.263.203 whereas that of 10 gram 22 karat went up by Rs.785 to Rs 242,063 from Rs.241,278.

The prices of per tola silver decreased by Rs.50 to Rs,3,380 and that of ten gram

went down by Rs.43 to Rs.2,897. The price of gold in the international market increased by \$6 to \$2,936 from \$.2,930 whereas the prices of silver in international market declined by \$0.5 to \$32.44, the Association reported.

Petro retailers threaten nationwide strike over oil price deregulation

Spokesman Report

KARACHI: On Sunday, the All Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association rejected the government's decision to deregulate oil prices. It warned of a countrywide strike to press for a reversal of the disastrous move.

It warned that the deregulation of oil pricing would lead to a foreign company taking total control of lifeline energy, which is equivalent to economic suicide.

Hassan Shah, the association's spokesperson, told the petroleum dealers that giving a powerful Saudi oil company complete control over Pakistan's precarious oil market without consulting stakeholders is not in the country's best interests.

He said the unfortunate decision of deregulation would disrupt the entire supply chain from top to bottom and eventually give a strong foreign player a monopoly on the Pakistani oil market.



He claimed that Pakistani oil refineries would have no choice but cial capacity to compete with strong foreign players.

He emphasized that it is not in the nation's best interests to eliminate every possibility of competition no one should have full authority to and leave it up to one multinational

Hassan Shah said Pakistan mostly has fuel reserves for no more than 15 days; free market principles can be applied in countries that can store oil for months.

The deregulation of lubricants and HOBC (High Octane Blending Component) has not benefitted consumers in any way, but it has resulted in a cartelizing oligopoly.

Moreover, the Competition Commission of Pakistan is ineffective enough to ensure system transparency, as in Western countries. Therefore, consumers will ultimately pay more than benefit from the free market.

He warned that the action would result in unprecedented inflation to close since they lacked the finan- and depreciation of exchange rates, irreparably harming the struggling economy.

Hassan Shah said that because the local oil market is so unpredictable, manage fuel prices as it would result in a financial disaster.

On the other hand, Pakistan cannot maintain stockpiles for more than 15 days, though. There are shortages and dryouts almost every month, particularly in smaller cities. Only stringent regulation can stop refineries, OMCs, and outlets from illegally increasing fuel prices.

He noted that allowing vulnerable consumers to be taken advantage of would cause market instability and impact the cost of almost everything. The fuel demand curve exhibits nearly perfect inelasticity.

He insisted that deregulating oil prices would ruin the nation, so the government must abandon the plan.

Visit

FAISALABAD: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs, Qaiser Ahmad Shaikh, visiting the cultural show during the 25 years celebration of Chiniot Islamia School College Faisalabad on Sunday.



Pakistani Youth must embrace technology to lead the world, says Mian Akram Farid

Example 2 Commerce Desk

RAWALPINDI: The Gordonians Own, alumni association of Gordon College Rawalpindi, recently hosted a reunion event at their alma mater. Organized by Mian Akram Farid, Central Chairman of EFP, former President of ICCL, and former Vice President of FPCCI; Kahkashan Najmi, Brigadier (Ret.) Muhammad Asif; and US-based alumni Malik Qadir and Malik Muhammad Iqbal Shirazi, the gathering brought together distinguished alumni who have achieved prominent positions in government and various fields.

Among the attendees were notable figures such as Akram Sheikh, former Advisor to the Prime Minister and former Secretary of the Planning Commission (who joined Gordon College in 1957); former Federal Minister Raja Shahid Zafar; former Advisor to the Prime Minister and former President of Gordon College Union Raja Muhammad Anwar; former Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission Major (Ret.) Pervez Butt; Atomic Energy Commission's Shaukat Hamid; Khalid Javed; Nasir Khan; Mian Abdul Rauf; Akhlaq; Colonel (Ret.) Iftikhar Hamdani; Liaquat Dar; Tariq Javed Butt; Muhammad Tahir; Akhlaq; Athar Habib; Professor Maqsood Jafri; Shahid Masood; Raja Mahfouz; Arshad



Butt; Naveed Altaf; Mian Taj Muhammad; Ghulam Qureshi; Muhammad Ali; Hamid Habib; Mujahid Ashai; Nasreen Tariq; Fatima Azim; along with college faculty, students, and other distinguished guests.

Dr. Muhammad Gulfraz Abbasi, Principal of Gordon College, along with Vice Principal Professor Dr. Kamran Naseem, faculty, and students, warmly welcomed the attendees upon their arrival.

During the event, the Principal expressed his gratitude to organizer Kahkashan Najmi for her generous donation of one lakh rupees towards the installation of fans in the college's Jubilee Hall,

and also acknowledged the contributions of others who supported the college's renovation efforts.

Mian Akram Farid, in his address to the gathering, expressed his delight in reuniting with his fellow alumni. He fondly recalled the formative years spent at the institution and acknowledged the profound impact of esteemed teachers like Principal Victor Mill, Professor Nasrullah, Professor Masood, Ms. Jane, Ms. Yasmin, Mr. Peter, and Mr. Nathaniel, whose guidance and mentorship played a crucial role in their personal and profes-

Malik Khuda Bakhsh Congratulates **Masroor Khan** on Extension of **Chairman OGRA**



Commerce Desk

KARACHI: President of Pakistan Business Forum (Karachi Chapter), Founding Vice Chairman of Pakistan Petroleum Dealers Association (PPDA), Internationtee on Energy, FPCCL Malik priority basis with his expe Khuda Bakhsh extended his rience.

congratulations to Masroor Khan, Chairman of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA), on the extension of his chairmanship term for one more year.

He expressed confidence that Masroor Khan would al Director of Lions Club continue to play a vital role International, and Conven- in addressing the issues of or of the Standing Commit- the oil and gas sector on a

Introducing Youth to Modern Technology is the Need of the Hour: Haji Ghulam Ali



Commerce Desk

PESHAWAR: The world has advanced significantly in technology; nations that embrace comfort over progress face decline instead of growth.

Peshawar: Former Governor Haji Ghulam Ali emphasized the importance of introducing youth to modern technology, stating that if Pakistan aspires to stand among developed nations, young individuals tions were showcased.

must be given opportunities to engage with technological advancements. He stressed the need for adopting productive activities instead of mental and physical inactivity.

He expressed these views while addressing the K2X Tech Run (KTR) event at Crescent Park, organized by K2X Tech, where he also spoke to the media. As the chief guest, Haji Ghulam Ali inaugurated the event, which was a result of the hard work of K2X Tech CEO Aamir Saeed and his team. The event aimed to promote technology and fitness, featuring tech exhibitions, a running event, and networking sessions where modern technological solu-

Solar Pakistan 2025 concludes with Major Deals, MoUs, and Industry Collaborations

Example 2 Commerce Desk

LAHORE: Solar Pakistan 2025, region's largest and only dedicated alternative energy event organized by Fakt Exhibitions (Pvt.) Ltd., concluded on Sunday at Expo Centre, Lahore. The flagship solar energy event took place from 21st to 23rd February, transforming the alternative energy landscape in Pakistan.

The three-day Solar Pakistan exhi-

makers, investors, manufacturers, uppliers, traders, and distributors.

Speaking on the success of the exhibition, Mr. Saleem Khan Tanoli, CEO Fakt Exhibitions, expressed his satisfaction, stating, "We are glad to witness the enthusiastic participation and engagement from both local and international stakeholders. Solar Pakistan exhibition serves as a catalyst for driving innovation and collabbition brought together a diverse mix oration in the alternative energy land-

Featuring over 350 national and international exhibitors from 10 countries participated in the three-day exhibition which showcased their expertise, introducing variety of cutting-edge technologies. The mega exhibition served as a vibrant platform for networking, collaboration, and knowledge exchange, paving the way for advancement of the alternative energy sector in Pakistan.



World Cricket Champions Trophy 2025

Pakistan's poor batting, bowling, and fielding, India defeated Pakistan by 6 wickets



Asim Tanveer

DUBAI: Pakistan's poor batting, bowling, and fielding, India defeated Pakistan by 6 wickets.

Pakistan's Champions Trophy journey ends on the 5th day. Another defeat against India. The latest cricket news confirms that Pakistan is out of the Champions Trophy. The tournament will continue in the host country. The host nation was eliminated from the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 on the fifth day of the event. Another humiliating 6-wicket defeat at the hands of traditional rivals India. At the Dubai International Cricket Stadium, Pakistan's batting failed first, followed by bowling, while fielding also flopped in between.

India chased the target in 43 overs, securing a 6-wicket victory and virtually qualifying for the semi-finals. The second contender from this group is likely to be New Zealand. Pakistan's campaign has come to an end after start. Babar Azam hit five consecutive suffering consecutive defeats—first against New Zealand and now against positively, but he was dismissed after





on Sunday, Pakistan's captain, Mohammad Rizwan, won the toss and elected to bat first. The only change in the team was the return of Imamul-Haq in place of Fakhar Zaman.

Pakistan had a relatively decent boundaries, pushing the score forward scoring 23 runs off 26 balls. Shortly In the crucial Group A match at after, Imam-ul-Haq was run out due Dubai International Cricket Stadium to his own mistake after scoring just

10 runs off 26 balls.

Saud Shakeel and Mohammad Rizwan played a slow innings. Though they added 104 runs for the third wicket, Pakistan was at 151/2 in the 34th over with eight wickets in hand, and expectations were high that they could add another 130-150 runs. However, Mohammad Rizwan was bowled out after scoring 46 runs, triggering a collapse.

Pakistan lost three wickets for



just 14 runs. Saud Shakeel was dismissed after scoring 62, Tayyab Tahir managed only 4 runs, and after that, Khushdil Shah and Salman Ali Agha tried to stabilize the innings, but the scoring rate remained slow. As a result, Pakistan lost its eighth wicket at 200 when Salman Ali Agha was out for 19 runs.

Khushdil Shah attempted a quick 38-run innings, with Haris Rauf and Naseem Shah also contributing some runs. However, Pakistan could not complete its 50 overs and was bowled out for 241 with two balls remaining. For India, Kuldeep Yadav took three wickets for 40 runs, while Hardik Pandya grabbed two wickets for just 31 runs. In response, India had a solid start. Although Rohit Sharma was bowled early by Shaheen Shah Afridi, India remained unaffected by the setback and continued to dominate the chase.

Rohit Sharma's 20-run innings included one six and three fours. After his dismissal, Virat Kohli joined Shubman Gill to build the innings. During this period, Kohli also reached the milestone of 14,000 ODI runs, achieving the feat in just 287 innings. This made him the third player after Sachin Tendulkar and Kumar Sangakkara to reach this milestone, but the fastest to do so in history.

Pakistan got its second breakthrough when Shubman Gill was clean-bowled by Abrar Ahmed after scoring 46 runs, with the team's total at 100. However, the new batter, Shreyas Iyer, along with Virat Kohli, showed no signs of pressure and continued scoring briskly. During this phase, Shreyas Iyer completed his half-century, while Kohli looked well on his way to a century.

wicket partnership between Kohli and Iyer added 114 runs before being broken at a total of 214 when Shrevas Iver was dismissed for 56 runs, caught

by Khushdil Shah and Imam-ul-Haq. Just nine runs later, Hardik Pandya was out for 8, edging a leg-side delivery from Shaheen Shah Afridi to wicketkeeper Mohammad Rizwan. However, with only a few runs needed for victory, Virat Kohli sealed the match by hitting a four off Khushdil Shah, completing his century in the process. India secured victory by 6 wickets with 45 balls to spare. Virat Kohli remained unbeaten on 100

For Pakistan, Shaheen Afridi took 2 wickets for 74 runs in 8 overs, while Abrar Ahmed (28 runs) and Khushdil Shah (43 runs) picked up one wicket each. Indian batsman Virat Kohli Pakistan's players seemed completed 14,000 runs in Cricket completely demoralized. The third- and scored his 51st century.

Women Hockey League inaugurated at Gojra Int'l Stadium



跨 Zafar Chishti

SING, TOBA TEK GOJRA: Under the vision of Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif for the Sports Department, at revitalizing hockey at the promotion of region- this prestigious event both national and interal sports, the CM Punjab Hockey League was inaugurated at Gojra Interna- Pakistan. More than 100 tional Stadium. The event players from across Pakiwas formally inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner of the National Women's & Administrator District Hockey Team and top setting a new benchmark for Council Toba Tek Singh

Sandhu. The hockey festival players have been divided will continue from February into six teams to ensure a 22 to 25, under the supervision of Assistant Commis- ergy tournament. sioner Gojra Kamran

marks a significant step stan, including members regional players, are partic-Muhammad Naeem ipating in the league. The competitive and high-en-

Speaking on the Occa-Ashraf and Chief Officer sion, Deputy Commis-

District Council Toba Tek sioner Muhammad Naeem Singh Mehr Anwar Baig Sandhu stated that this is Sial. Organized by the the second major sports District Council, Munic- event in Gojra's history, ipal Committee Gojra, and under his leadership, aimed national levels. He also in the revival of hockey in recalled that Pakistan's firstever All Pakistan Floodlight Women's Hockey League was successfully organized at the same venue in 2024, the sport. The closing ceremony will feature a special performance by renowned singer Humaira Arshad, adding to the excitement and enthusiasm of players and spectators alike.

Deputy Commissioner

Naeem Sandhu emphasized that the league will serve as a platform for young hockey talent, providing them with an opportunity to play alongside experienced international players and learn modern techniques of the game. He further stated that a comprehensive strategy has been devised to strengthen national hockey and increase its popularity, ensuring such tournaments continue in the future. The event promises to be a memorable experience for both players and hockey enthusiasts, contributing significantly to the promotion and development of hockey in Pakistan.

Olympia/AZB, BN/Newage clinch victories in President of Pakistan Polo Cup

Sports Desk

ISLAMABAD: Olympia/AZB and BN/Newage emerged victorious in the Sarsabz 4th President of Pakistan Polo Cup for National Open Polo Championship 2025 at the Jinnah Polo Fields.

The biggest highgoal event of the season is underway at Jinnah Polo Fields, sponsored by Fatima Group. The event was attended by Mian Abbas Mukhtar, Director of Sarsabz Pakistan, Major (R) Ali Taimoor, Secretary of Jinnah Polo Fields, along with a large number of fami-

lies and players. In the first match of the day, Olympia/AZB secured a dramatic 9-8 sudden-death victory over DS Team in the sixth chukker, marking their first win of the tournament. Luis Manuel Aguirre was the standout performer for Olympia/AZB, as he smashed in six superb goals, while Ahmed Zubair Butt contributed two, and Novillo Astrada added one. On the opposing side, Max Charlton led DS Team with five goals, followed



by Lao Abelenda (two) and tage to 6-4.

Ahmed Ali Tiwana (one). Olympia/AZB set the tone early, dominating the first chukker with two goals. However, DS Polo responded strongly in the second chukker, firing in three goals against Olympia/ AZB's two. Despite the challenge, Olympia/AZB maintained a narrow 4-3 lead. In the third chukker, Olympia/ AZB extended their dominance, adding two more goals to stretch their advan-

But DS Polo roared back in the fourth chukker, delivering a stunning hat-trick to edge ahead with a 7-6 lead. With the match hanging in the balance, Olympia/AZB staged a resilient comeback, netting two crucial goals against DS Polo's one to level the score at 8-8, forcing a sudden-death chukker. In a dramatic finish, Luis Manuel Aguirre delivered the decisive field goal, securing a hard-fought 9-8 victory for

Olympia/AZB.

In the second match of the day, BN/Newage edged past HN with a 4-3 victory. Marcos Solari slammed in two tremendous goals for BN/Newage, while Mir Huzaifa Ahmed and Novillo (substituting for injured T2) scored one each. Haider Naseem (two goals) and Hamza Mawaz Khan (one goal) were the scorers for HN Polo. The tournament will continue on Monday with two crucial matches.

Din Polo clinch Diamond Paints Polo Cup trophy

Sports Desk

LAHORE: Din Polo clinched the coveted trophy of the Diamond Paints Polo Cup, co-sponsored by Pro Health, after securing a thrilling 10-6 victory over Diamond Paints in the main final at the Lahore Garrison Polo Ground.

A large number of spectators and families gathered to witness the final of the six-goal event, part of the Pakistan Polo Association's calendar. Prominent attendees included Diamond Paints Director Sabina Saman, CEO Mir Shoaib Ahmed, Mrs. Shoaib Ahmed, Director Mir Huzaifa Ahmed, Pro Health Director Ghulam Muhammad Laghari, Sardar Isa Laghari, and Club Secretary Major (Retd) Babar Mahboob Awan, early 3-1 lead. However, Din Polo

along with a significant crowd of roared back in the second chukker, polo enthusiasts.

The final match between Din Polo and Diamond Paints proved highly competitive. Din Polo emerged victorious with a 10-6 triumph. Raja Jalal Arsalan and Muhammad Ali Malik led the charge for Din Polo, scoring four fabulous goals each, while Farhad Muhammad Sheikh and Mian Abbas Mukhtar contributed one goal each. For Diamond Paints, Mir Huzaifa Ahmed scored three goals, Raja Taimur Nadeem netted

added one goal. Diamond Paints asserted their dominance in the first chukker, netting three brilliant goals against one from Din Polo, securing an

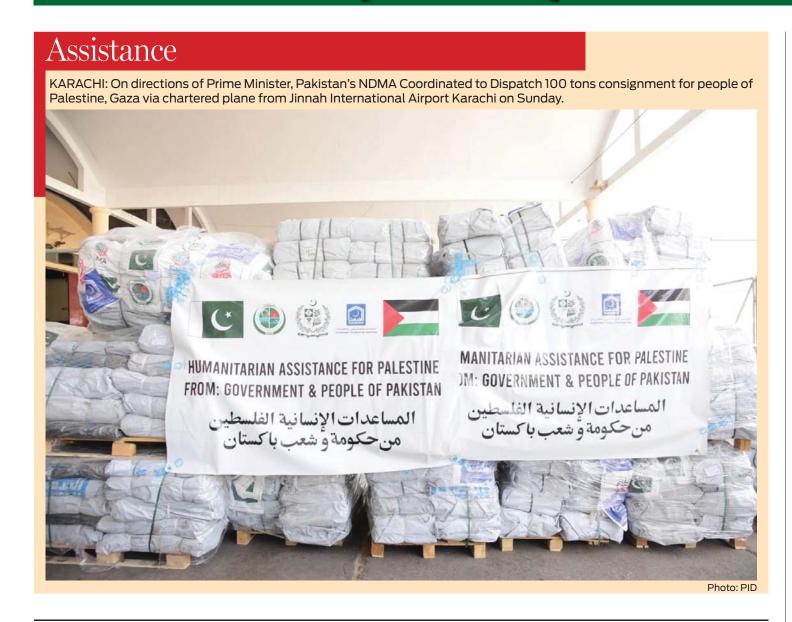
two, and Malik Ali Kuli Khan

firing four spectacular goals, while Diamond Paints managed just one, bringing the match to an intense 5-5 deadlock.

The third chukker remained fiercely competitive, with both teams adding one goal each, keeping the contest finely balanced at 6-6. In the fourth and final chukker, Din Polo took complete control, delivering a stunning fourgoal blitz to seal a resounding 10-6 victory and clinch the title in style.

At the concluding ceremony, Club Secretary Maj (Retd) Babar Mahboob Awan extended special thanks to sponsors Diamond Paints and co-sponsors Pro Health, acknowledging their efforts in making the tournament





Govt will review 'disproportionate burden' on salaried class due to high taxes: Finance Minister

Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb announced on Sunday that the government will review the "disproportionate burden" placed on the country's salaried class due to high taxes. He called on other sectors to "step up" and help address the issue. Last year, Pakistan passed a Rs13 tril-

lion (\$46.66 billion) national budget to support its case for an International Monetary Fund (IMF) bailout deal. The budget increased tax liabil-(\$178.89) per month. The government earners" in 2023.



This move sparked backlash from ities by Rs22,500 (\$80.50) for indi-the salaried class, including the Sala-the salaried class have borne a disproviduals earning more than Rs50,000 ried Class Alliance of Pakistan, which portionate burden," Aurangzeb told the increase in remittances each month. warned of a potential brain drain and also imposed higher income taxes on expressed concerns about being already salaried workers deemed to be "high burdened by high taxes, rising inflation, and strained incomes.

"The manufacturing industry and reporters. "We will make every effort to review this in the next budget and work toward rationalizing it."

The finance minister emphasized last year," Aurangzeb said.

that other sectors and income groups must also contribute more in taxes. He highlighted that, for the first time, Pakistan's provincial assemblies had passed an agriculture income tax bill.

"In the same way, our brothers and sisters in the real estate, wholesale, and retail sectors will also have to step up, so that the burden on other categories can be more fairly distributed," Aurangzeb added. In response to a question, Aurangzeb stated that Pakistan's diaspora abroad was pleased with the government's policies. He expressed gratitude to overseas Pakistanis for their continued contributions, noting

"The way remittances are growing, we expect them to reach around \$35 billion this year, up from \$30.2 billion

Pakistan's 25th relief consignment to Gaza arrives at El-Arish **International**

CAIRO: On the directions of the Prime Minister, Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in collaboration with Al-Khidmat Foundation dispatched 25th humanitarian and relief onward dispatch to Palestinian Red consignment for the brotherly Crescent Society inside Gaza. people of Gaza Strip.

A special aircraft from Pakinational Airport, Egypt on Sunday. inside Gaza.

The relief consignment includes bell and winterized tents as well as tarpaulin sheets.

Officials from embassy of Pakistan, Cairo received the relief consignment, and handed over to Egyptian Red Crescent Society for

More consignments from the government and people of Pakistan carrying 90 tonnes of relief stan are on their way and will be supplies landed at El-Arish Inter- delivered soon to the Palestinians

Exhibition centres soon in Pakistan for business community: **Aleem Khan**



Example 2 Commerce Desk

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Board of Investment, Privatization, and Communications, Abdul Aleem Khan, along with his delegation held meeting with Israfel Mammadov, CEO of the State Oil Fund, in Baku, Azerbaijan.

During the meeting both sides discussed various matters related to the promotion of bilateral investment and business activities between the two countries of Azerbaijan and Pakistan, said a press release received here Commerce in Islamabad, we are on Sunday.

visit to Morocco, Federal Minister ucts effectively which would help in Abdul Aleem Khan arrived in Baku. increasing imports and exports for Speaking at the meeting, he emphaboth states.

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sized that Azerbaijan holds a special place in the hearts of the Pakistani people and friendly relations between the two countries are progressing towards greater strength and improve-

He acknowledged the significant role played by Azerbaijan's Ambassador to Pakistan, Khazar Farhadov, in enhancing these ties in recent months which resulted in very positive mode.

The Minister further stated that after the establishment of the Pakistan-Azerbaijan Joint Chamber of aimed to establish Exhibition Centers for investors to showcase prod-

Pakistani Community in UK Pays Tribute to Late Acting CG Kamran Ahmed Malik

跨 Chaudhry Tabraiz Aurah

community in the United Kingdom came together to pay their last respects to Kamran Ahmed Malik, Acting Consul General of Pakistan Birmingham Consulate.

the Pakistan High Commission UK, colleagues at the Ministry of Foreign

and a large number of community Affairs. members. Following the prayers, he BIRMINGHAM: The Pakistani was laid to rest at Sutton New Hall Cemetery in Birmingham.

High Commissioner Muhammad Faisal paid tribute to the late diplomat, describing him in Birmingham, who passed away on as an enthusiastic and dedicated January 16, 2025, while serving at the civil servant who served Pakistan with great commitment. He also His funeral prayers were held conveyed condolences on behalf of at Birmingham Central Mosque, Deputy Prime Minister & Foreign attended by High Commissioner Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Dr. Muhammad Faisal, officers of Foreign Secretary Amna Baloch, and

Expressing gratitude to the Pakistani community for their support, Dr. Faisal acknowledged their efforts in arranging the funeral. Community leaders also lauded Kamran Ahmed Malik's contributions to the welfare of Pakistanis living in and around Birmingham.

In a mark of respect, the High Commissioner laid a floral wreath on behalf of Deputy Prime Minister & Foreign Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar, honoring the late diplomat's service and dedication.

Pak delegation off to China to Chaudhry Anwar Columnist Athar explore food sector

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ul Haq Pays

Tribute to Late

Masood Wani



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Azad Kashmir Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has expressed his profound grief and sorrow over the sad

demise of renowned columnist and Editor-in-Chief weekly Al-Kashir Athar Masood Wani. In his condolence message, the Prime Minister extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and prayed to Allah the almighty to rest the departed soul in eternal peace. The PM also paid rich tribute to the deceased for his valuable services in the field of journalism and freedom of press in the country. The veteran journalist's demise, he said, was a great loss for the journalists' community.

Example 2 Commerce Desk

LAHORE: A high-level food delegation from South Punjab led by convener Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry regional committee on food Shahid Imran left for China on Sunday to explore collaborative avenues in the food sector.

Prior to departure he informed that China, being a global leader in food technology and a major importer of agricultural goods, offers significant potential for Pakistani exporters. The delegation plans to engage in meetings and site visits to understand China's advanced practices and identify areas for mutual

growth. This initiative aligns with Pakistan's broader strategy to boost its food exports and tap into international markets. The trip is expected to pave the way for long-term collaborations, benefiting both nations' economies and strengthening their strategic partnership in the food industry.

Shahid Imran said the delegation, comprising industry leaders and agricultural experts, aims to strengthen bilateral ties and foster partnerships with Chinese counterparts. The visit will focuses on enhancing trade, technology transfer, and knowledge sharing in areas such as food processing, agricultural innovation, and value-added products especially



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